

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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b13 Claim 1 (currently amended): Rear dérailleur device, for a bicycle equipped with a bicycle chain and a set of rear pinions comprising, in particular for a bicycle equipped with a front dérailleur, a chain connecting a set (14) of pinions with a set (92) of disks, as well as a synchronized control limiting the combinations for an adapted chain alignment and for reducing the necessary chain length, characterized in that it comprises:

- a rotatable base (30) provided with a return spring (42) forcing said base in an the anti-clockwise direction,
- guiding/dérailleur means (32) fixedly connected with said base, and
- a movable tension plate (34) fixedly connected with the guiding/dérailleur means (32).

Claim 2 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 1, wherein the movable tension plate (34) comprises a supporting arm (74), a tension arm (86) mounted pivoting relative to said arm (74), and a first (88) and a second (90) tension roller mounted rotatably at the ends of the tension arm (86), as well as a spring (82) forcing the tension arm (86) in the anti-clockwise direction, the chain passing over the first tension roller and under the second tension roller.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 2, wherein the tension arm (86) is mounted on an axis (80) pivoting relative to the supporting arm (74), and that said axis ~~is~~ being disposed essentially in the centre of said tension arm.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 2, wherein the tension arm (86) is mounted on an axis (80) pivoting relative to the supporting arm (74), ~~and that said axis coincides~~ coinciding with the rotation axis of the second roller (90).

Claim 5 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 1, ~~wherein~~ further comprising a guiding/dérailleur roller located ~~it carries at its end,~~ immediately downstream, relative to a path and direction of travel of said chain, of the moveable tension plate (34) and in alignment therewith, said ~~a~~ guiding/dérailleur roller (68) being mounted freely rotatable, the chain passing over said guiding/dérailleur roller.

Claim 6 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 5, wherein the guiding/dérailleur roller (68) is supported in the plane of the chain by translation adjustment means.

Claim 7 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 5, wherein the guiding/dérailleur roller (68) comprises complementary lateral guiding/dérailleur

means ~~such as at least one flange (72).~~

Claim 8 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 5, wherein the guiding/dérailleur roller (68) comprises complementary lateral pression means ~~such as at least one lateral pression flange (73).~~

Claim 9 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 14 8, wherein the lateral pression flange (73) is mounted translationally variable.

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Claim 10 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 1, ~~wherein it comprises~~ further comprising connection means (400) interposed between the movable tension plate (34) and guiding/dérailleur means (32) so as to restrain the tensional stress of the chain and the return forces of the guiding/dérailleur ~~guiding~~ means.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 10, said guiding/dérailleur means comprising a deformable parallelogram effective to adjust the lateral position of said chain relative to said set of rear pinions, wherein the connection means comprise a cable (400) which co-operates with a roller sector (102) attached to said movable tension plate, and with ~~the one (104) of the ends of~~ a return spring (406) of the deformable parallelogram of the guiding/dérailleur means.

Claim 12 (currently amended): Dérailleur device according to claim 1,  
~~wherein it comprises~~ further comprising a crankcase for enveloping at least the rear  
dérailleur device, the pinions, ~~the disks~~ and the chain.

Claim 13 (new): Dérailleur device according to claim 7, said complementary  
lateral guiding/dérailleur means comprising at least one flange.

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Claim 14 (new): Dérailleur device according to claim 8, said complementary  
lateral pression means comprising at least one lateral pression flange.

Claim 15 (new): Dérailleur device according to claim 1, said dérailleur device  
being located in a vertical position that provides substantially the same or better  
ground clearance relative to said set of rear pinions.